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Democracy in Athletics *"Another Bunch of Weeds in the Reddish Patch"*

Ambassador Bryce is only one of many who have paid a high tribute to athletics as the great social leveler of our American universities. It is significant that athletic prowess is as valid a passport into collegiate glory and esteem as intellectual acumen, financial opulence, or even social suavity. In athletics the son of the rich and the young man who works his way play side by side and win equal plaudits. It is not a question whether he drives an auto or a wheel-barrow, but whether he can drive the ball. Both plow their noses in the mud and are "cussed" by the coach without distinction, and the man who makes the touch-down, basket, or home-run is lauded for what he does rather than for what he is. To that extent college athletics are indisputably a leveling social force, to which Democracy can point with just pride.

Nor is there less satisfaction in the fact that the heroic and strenuous activities on grid-iron, gym-floor, and diamond are almost wholly free from mercenary considerations. We justly boast of the strict amateurism of our collegiate athletics. It is certainly a commendable spirit that prompts men to sacrifice time, money and other personal interests—even endangering limb and life perhaps—in the defense and advancement of the Alma Mater's reputation in the athletic realm. It is worth a cheer when a man will fight harder for the sentiment involved in a pennant than for financial recompense.

But for all our admiration and pride in modern athletics, there are many features of college sports that have been subject to harsh and persistent criticism. Unfriendly critics have fingered the heel of our college Hercules, and in their own opinion at least have had little difficulty in finding a vulnerable spot. Football especially has been the storm-center of attack and of earnest effort to improve. Its stern rigor and too frequent casualties have been likened to the gladiatorial combats of the Roman arena, to the Spanish bull-fights, and to the heartless horrors of the battle field; while on the other hand the lovers of the gridiron sport have made perennial efforts to modify the game and render it less dangerous to limbs and necks. Every phase of the game has been weighed in the balance as

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No more ideal spot for a thoroughly good time can be imagined than "The Reddish Patch" at Redondo Beach, as many a university student "can bear witness to." It has been the scene of many a jollification during the year but perhaps nothing more interesting has occurred than this week's house-party, when Miss Mae Reddish entertained Miss Waring and the cast of "She Stoops to Conquer" for the week-end.

The fun began when the party assembled at the Municipal Dock Saturday afternoon, armed with suit-cases, baskets, band-boxes and bundles—everything but the proverbial bird cage which the members of the "Old Maid's Club" absolutely forgot. "Frankie" forgot his guitar, too, and in his attempt to get it, he almost got left, thereby causing much frantic worryment to the girls of the crowd as well as winning an enthusiastic welcome which must have made him feel like a conquering hero.

Promptly at 5:30 the Tyee put out to sea and the voyage was accomplished with nothing more startling than the remarks made about a certain bay which we entered. Arriving at Redondo supper was the first thing, followed by long "getting-acquainted" strolls on the beach and a big "sing" on the porch, after which the weary ones retired. Ruth and Ann, however, were feeling "rambunctious" as evidenced by their promenade through the house, during which they attempted any number of vaudeville stunts and every boy in camp will swear that in their water-juggling they sprinkled well every "weed" in the boys' room. At length they, too, went to bed, but not to sleep, for Ruth and Lyle were gossiping and several wee, small hours had struck (on the alarm clock) before silence reigned.

At 5 o'clock next morning Ruth was at her good work again and this time a spectator would have had good cause to regard her as a loyal Baptist, so effective were her efforts to arouse the sleepers. But "Cranie," with his exclamations, proved to be truly Methodist in his fervor.

A "swim" had been planned but a hearty break-

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REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

U. P. S. Friday, May 17, 1912

A mock Republican Convention was held in the U. P. S. chapel on Friday evening, May 17. The purpose of the convention was to find out the choice of the school for President and Vice President. The regular order of the National Convention was observed.

Prof. Davis and his class in Political Science constituted the National Republican committee.

Chairman Brix of the National committee took the chair and the convention was opened with a prayer by Rev. Goulder. Secretary Frank Jones then read the call of the convention and the National chairman named a temporary chairman and secretary, Messrs. Jamison and Jones, which the convention adopted.

Temporary Chairman Jamison was escorted to the chair and made a speech, calling attention to the progress of the Republican party during the past years. He then appointed the committees on Credentials, Rules, Permanent Organization and Platform and Resolutions.

Much amusement was created by the report of the Credentials committee, when they disqualified certain suffragettes coming from states where there was no suffrage. Report of rules committee adopted nem. con.

The committee on Permanent Organization nominated Prof. W. S. Davis for Permanent chairman and Frank Jones for permanent secretary. Unanimously elected. The convention then got enthusiastic and cheered and cheered, yelling for Davis and Jones.

Prof. Davis after being escorted to the chair made a very strong speech, reviewing the principles of the Republican party and calling attention to the importance of the vote of the convention in nominating the President and Vice President of the United States.

Committee on Platform then reported and after recommending the measures of woman's suffrage, recall of judicial decisions and other progressive measures, was adopted, with few dissenting.

The secretary then called the roll of states for nominations.

Mr. Clarke of Iowa nominated Senator Cummins and was seconded by Mr. Jones.

Mr. Brix of New York nominated Colonel Roosevelt and was seconded by Mr. Cottrell.

Mr. Janneck of Ohio nominated President Taft and was seconded by Mr. Warren.

LaFollette was nominated by Mr. Klehe and seconded by a number of delegates.

Things were beginning to wax warm when Prof.

Hanawalt of Indiana ran in a dark horse i. e.: Senator Beveridge.

Upon first ballot Roosevelt got 23, Taft 7, LaFollette 34, Cummins 4 and Beveridge 11.

Things began to grow exciting when on second ballot Beveridge had increased to 24, and the results were: Roosevelt 15, LaFollette 38, Cummins 4, Beveridge 24.

On third ballot Roosevelt got 2, Beveridge 36 and LaFollette 44. Accordingly LaFollette was declared the Republican nominee for President of the United States. The convention then proceeded to nominate a Vice President. Senator Beveridge and Governor Johnson were nominated and on first ballot Beveridge got 38 and Johnson 37, but when the secretary and two assistants voted the vote stood 38 to 40 in favor of Johnson. The convention then broke loose and in order to satisfy all a dark horse was nominated, as there had been some kick on allowing the secretary to vote.

The last vote stood Johnson 7, Beveridge 26 and Prof. W. S. Davis 44. Accordingly Prof. Davis was declared Republican nominee for Vice President of the United States.

The chairman then appointed the Political Science class to notify the President and Vice President of their nominations. Adjourned.

So we have determined by this convention the consensus of school opinion in regard to our executive. We have also profited much in learning how to properly conduct a national convention. Hooray for LaFollette and Davis.

BASEBALL

Following a precedent, which seems to have been set here at the University, the baseball team disbanded not long ago, before completing the season's schedule. Our team was composed of good material this year, but lack of interest, both on the part of the students and on the part of members of the team themselves, sapped life and vigor and thus it was found necessary to quit.

However, our boys did "get Whitworth's goat" in both of their two encounters with that institution. The first, played at Whitworth, was won by a score of 9-5; the second, played at U. P. S., by a score of 11-3. Through each game Whitworth's pitcher proved to be "duck soup" for U. P. S., as hits fell thick and fast, while Smith, in particular, took delight in clouting the ball over the fence into Sixth avenue.

All that the team lacked in carrying through a successful season this year was baseball spirit among the students. Baseball is considered here, too much as a minor sport. So long as the student fail to give their representative baseball team the boost that it

deserves and needs, just so long will baseball be a nonentity at the University of Puget Sound.

Track

Contestants on both the academy and college track teams are training hard for the meeting which is to take place in the fore part of June. Many entries are being made on both teams. The meet promises to be real interesting for more zeal is being shown in track this year than at any other time. Men from both teams met a short time ago and elected Donald Smith as captain of the Academy and Sam Max captain of the College teams. It is between these two men that the bone of contention will be placed.

PHILOMATHIAN

On Tuesday evening, May 7, the Philomathian Society held its regular semi-annual election of officers for the school year 1912-13. A good, healthy rivalry and some electioneering made the election interesting from first to last. Good, consistent attendance on the part of all members has made the work very interesting during the entire year.

The officers for next year are: President, Mae Starr; vice president, Glenn Stanbra; critic, Geo. Thompson; secretary, Arthur Smith; treasurer, Frank Janneck; pianist, Grace Lawson.

Y. W. C. A.

On May 14 Mrs. Seymore held our attention during the Y. W. hour with her earnest report of the work and the aspirations of the City Association. I wonder how many of the university girls are acquainted with the great work done each year in this city by our handicapped sister. Our only regret is that Mrs. Seymore was not with us earlier in the year to guide us in broadening our interests.

Last Tuesday found us again in the Preachers' room. Professor Cummins told us what he—and others—would do if they were to go through college again. Let us not hesitate to confine the afterthoughts of others with the privileges we still possess.

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In this institution the various organizations in athletics form our strongest factor which makes for good, live college spirit. The literary societies have controlled almost entirely the social phase of college life and we have suffered from an over doing of rivalry between these organizations. We must therefore have some general and unifying element, and athletic endeavors are always a good leveler. But when the student body as a whole and as individuals are not participants, we do not meet satisfactory results.

In this issue of the Trail we are publishing an article on "Democracy in Athletics," written by one of our most loyal supporters. This paper does not knock our own athletics, but is a protest against the system which prevails in our American colleges, and ought to receive the thought and attention of every student in school.

FIFTH ANNUAL PICNIC

Monday, the 20th, the Commercials held their annual picnic, Jupiter Pluvius did his best to make the day a perfect one and in the words of — "it was a howlin' success" (for rain).

Nothing daunted them and about thirty strong they stormed and took possession of Redwoods Beach.

The big pavilion was thrown open and dinner was soon spread—such a spread—there was everything from hash to turkey with cranberry sauce. Nuf sed, on the eats.

The afternoon went quickly mid games, music, races and clam digging.

In the evening a big bonfire was started and a clam bake was the chief feature of the evening. Things were lively until about 10 o'clock, when the party boarded the boat for Tacoma, declaring the picnic to be a perfect success in spite of rain.



Mamie Conmey

President-elect of Associated Students for 1912-13.

AMPHICTYON LITERARY SOCIETY

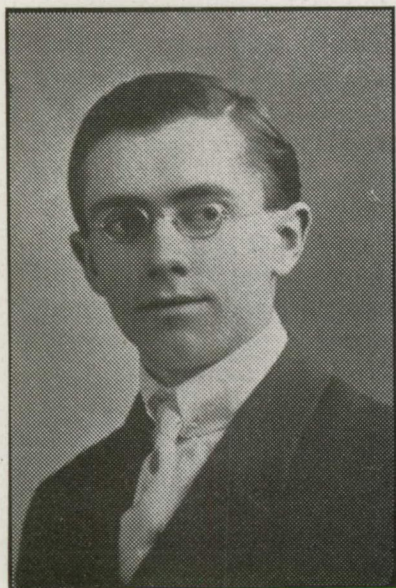
On Monday evening, May 13, occurred the Amphictyon launch ride. A bunch of jolly young people left the Municipal Dock at 5:30 p. m. The party landed at Dash Point, where all enjoyed a bonfire and hot supper on the beach. They returned home bringing with them a deep felt interest for their society, which was manifested last Monday evening, when they elected the following officers for the coming year:

L. C. Durward, president; J. C. Waggoner, vice president; T. H. Grell, treasurer; E. M. Morris, secretary; E. C. Carlson, reporter; E. Woolford, chaplain; H. Webb, sergeant at arms; A. C. Tisch, asst. sergeant at arms; O. Johnson, historian; Prof. W. S. Davis, critic.

Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. meeting was addressed by Dr. Lane on Tuesday, May 14. His subject was "Missions." The subject was well handled and instructive. We hope to be able to hear from Dr. Lane again.

Prof. Cummins addressed the joint meeting of the Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. on Tuesday, May 21. His topic was "What I Would Do If I Were in College Again." Prof. Cummins first read the answers given by the faculty to the question, "The one thing I would do if I were in college again." Some of the best answers were. "Think for myself," "Use library more," "Do conscientious work," "Seek my professors for suggestions," "Cultivate the friendship of Jesus Christ." Prof. Cummins' subject was well prepared and gave us suggestions that will stick



Arnold Warren
Editor-in-chief-elect of Trail for 1912-13.

and help us in our future college life.

The following men have signified their intention of attending the annual summer conference of Y. M. C. A. students at Columbia Beach June 14 to 23:

Messrs. Cottrel, Lawson, Wallace, Stanbra, Durward, Webb, Klebe, G. Thompson, Wickman, Harader, C. Addington, Stegin, Sutherland.

KICK-OFFS

Stranger—When were the Sixth avenue cars invented?

Student—At the time when all creeping things were created.

Benevolent Gentleman—My little boy, have you no better way to spend this beautiful afternoon than by sitting on those steps, idling away your time?

Young S.—I ain't idling away my time. There's a chump inside with Miriam, who is paying me ten cents on hour to watch for pa.

A Misplaced Communication (M. M)—"I'm so nervous I could bite a nail in two."

"I know you are. I can always tell that without your telling me. I'll give you my finger to chew upon. Perhaps that will relieve you a little. Now, ain't I generous?"—S. M.

A Christian Scientist father and his little boy was walking across a lot where a good sized goat was feeding. The boy was alarmed but his father told him to think it not possible for the animal to harm them. The boy not growing any braver, remarked:

"Papa, you're a Christian Scientist all right and so am I; but the goat doesn't know it."

M. C.—I wish you to know that I don't stand on trifles.

G. A (glaring at her feet)—No, dear, I see you don't.

At the Election.

"Why is that lady voter so indignant?"

"She wants to go back into the booth and write a postscript to her ballot."

The General entre nous is a relative of our hostess.

A. K.—Is that the man's name?



Willie's Letter

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Two of the University of Pennsylvania track runners passed a learned and preoccupied professor showing a young lady visitor through the "gardens."

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The professor's mind turned for a moment from contemplation of the fourth dimension.

"Then why did you leave them off?" he asked.

M. S. (reading a list of well used words) gooseberry-colored eyes.

Prof. W.—Has any one else "gooseberry-colored eyes?"

J. W. (stirring the coffee with a stick)—If the coffee boils it will contain 'titanic acid.'

LOCALS

Miss Helen McLean was a visitor at the University Tuesday.

Mrs. Seymour and her friend, Miss Tory, visited chapel last week. Miss Tory gave us two highly appreciated readings.

Thursday Mr. Seamen, student secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of the Pacific Coast, told us many interesting things about the summer conference.

Prof. Davis, one of the senatorial delegates from Pierce county, attended the state convention at Aberdeen last Wednesday. Daniel Dupertius, a former student, also attended the convention as a delegate from Lewis county.

Last Wednesday, May 15, the choir took its annual trip to McNeils island. They took a government launch at Steilacoom and arrived at the island about 7 o'clock. They were then shown around to the many places of interest including the engine house, laundry and store room. Coffee was served with the lunches furnished by each member of the choir. The program began at 8 o'clock and lasted about an hour and a half. Upon leaving Prof. Cummins was given a hearty invitation to return next year. He deserves much credit for the way in which he entertained the prisoners, who appeared very much pleased and interested. The choir is looking forward with much pleasure to the annual trips to the island.

Saturday afternoon between the hours of 3 and 5 the Misses Bessie Brown and Josephine Arnquist entertained the Home Economics girls at a chafing dish party. The entertainment was unique and interesting. A list of foods was given each girl, from which the menu for a luncheon was made. Later they were given clothes pins and colored paper with which to dress clothes pin dolls. A dainty luncheon was served by the hostesses, Miss Jo presiding at the chafing dish.

DEMOCRACY IN ATHLETICS

each succeeding autumn has exacted its toll. Basketball has not engaged nearly so much attention as its predecessor in the athletic calendar, but it offers the same by-products in the way of problems for college Faculties as the older and greater sport. Baseball has come in for its share of criticism as a menace to high scholarship when intellectual faculties are none too keen anyhow.

But it is none of these subjects of criticism that appeals to me as most momentous. It is not so much what college athletics do, as what they are failing to do. It is not a matter of games, or how played; but the principle underlying the whole athletics are in the largest and best way really democratic and really non-professional.

Democracy in athletics is not merely the leveling of social elevations among the members of a college team. True democracy in college athletics is the participation of the greatest number possible in recreative benefits. A government is most democratic in which the largest number participate in providing for the general welfare, and representative forms are democratic only in so far as they are instruments for general good. As a government is not democratic, which is administered for the benefit of the few, even so athletics are not democratic, which are participated in by only a choice or chosen few. The physical benefits of the few are insignificantly shared by the many, and the sharing of their enjoyment of the game amounts to but a jot. I contend that modern college athletics are undemocratic because they exist for the benefit of the few rather than the many.

I also hold that, as an inevitable corollary of undemocratic athletics, in the true sense of the word they are professional. By that is not meant, of course, that limited meaning of financial consideration now given that term. Athletics are professional in this that they can be engaged in only by those who specialize in the respective sports.

In our own institution out of a hundred and fifty boys a scant two elevens played football; a smaller number played basket-ball; and it is significant that every member of the first (and practically only) baseball nine was a football or basket-ball player. That means that a very small percentage of the boys of the institution participated in the three major sports of the year, and that those few tend to be all-around athletics, athletics specialists. It means that the only value of athletics to the great majority is to witness an occasional game, and vent a little enthusiasm or rancor as the game may happen to go.

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to turn out and try for a position on the team. So it would be unfair to fix the blame there; for it is not the fault of the players, but of the system. The fault lies in our wrong conception of the object and end of collegiate athletics. In the rivalry induced by inter-scholastic relations we have been gradually led to the notion that the goal of athletics is to put out a winning team. To this end we bend every effort and sacrifice every other consideration. The team must have the best material; so only the aptest and fittest physically are chosen. Undersized or physically deficient need not apply. So the majority are so impressed from the outset with the hopelessness of making the team, that they do not even try. Thus those who most need the benefits of athletics the system excludes. Many of those who are among the physically fit will not enter athletics for the reason that a championship campaign involves such a heavy investment of time and energies. Even of those who compose the teams, many enlist under strong protest of their judgment and real desires, yielding only to the

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persuasive appeals to their loyalty, etc.

Each year a long-suffering student-body is coaxed, cajoled, implored, scolded and harangued over their apathy and indifference in the athletics situation. "Support the team," has become an outworn slogan, and revivalistic efforts in chapel to enlist attendance at games has become an old story. We're so bent on getting the students to support the team that we don't stop to consider why they don't. We're so eager to give the patient medicine that we don't diagnose the case.

We begin at the wrong end. We expect to interest the student-body by putting out a good team—which, of course, means a winning team. But it is a law of our nature that we tend to take interest in the things we ourselves do, and to be indifferent to things in which we do not have a part. If history teaches us anything, it teaches us that if we are playing the game, will turn out some gilt-edge Freshman. Incidentally, the school, in which all the glory of the school, but for the good of the by enlisting every Freshman in football—not for progressive in this, as in so many other respects, The University of Wisconsin is showing itself official stimulation.

athletic products. But the player is of far more consequent than the score. If the great majority need athletics, they should be in athletics, and

athletics should be given such form and management that they can and will be. Until such is the case athletics will continue to be undemocratic.

It may sound Utopian to preach the possibilities of really democratic athletics; but I believe they would be great, beyond our conception. With a system of **intra**-scholastic, instead of **inter**-scholastic athletics, the financial problem would cease to worry us; the problem of student interest, loyalty, and support would be solved; the flunking and indifferent athlete would be a scarcer article; and, last and most important, the health and vigor of the students of our colleges would be vastly improved over that of the present regime.

This is an age of progress in democracy—in government, in society, in religion, in education. Why should we lag behind the spirit of the age in our collegiate athletics?

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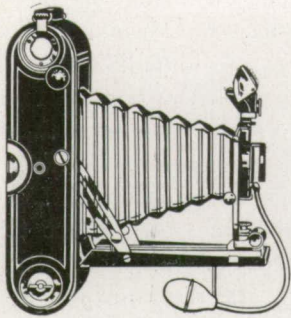
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fast of Lynn's pancakes necessitated post-poning the exercise, for no one dared go near the Sound. So the party separated—some rowing, some tramping, others sleeping and Jones writing poetry—to come together at 1 o'clock for an elaborate four-course dinner. Then there were naps and more naps disturbed at length by a deluge of water, buckets and girls descending upon the peaceful slumbers of Deck and Frank away up in the woods. They without looking to see where "Old Jupe" (in the person of Mae) was stationed, lit out for the cottage to wreck vengeance upon the unsuspecting innocents there. But for once justice was not mis-carried, for through the kind intervention of Fate they came first to Ruth sleeping sweetly on the porch. Flood! Deluge! Such terms are far too weak to express what occurred! So great was the shock that Ruth hardly noticed her plunge into the icy waters of Puget Sound a little later when the bathing hour arrived. All her Theta sisters were so unnerved and so filled with "hysterical sympathy" at her sad plight that they could do nothing but sit on the bank and shudder and wail in pity for their shivering comrades below.

And the boating! One boat for the entire crowd, and, oh how jealously it was watched! Ann monopolized one seat in it but the occupant of the other was a "variable quantity." First it was "Cranie" who lost out by shouting at her—as her position threatened his safety—"sit down, you Mutt, sit down!" Then Frank's star was in its zenith and a dandy long ride they had until they were finally rescued by a passing launch.

No camp would be complete without a beach-fire and so in spite of high tide and pattering rain-drops we had one, although we had to enjoy it from three points of view (?)—the kindly protection of the porch, the sheltering branches of a neighboring tree and a bench just right for four, provided with a protecting blanket which carefully concealed all but the shoes of the occupants—Mary, Mae, Lynn and Jack.

Then all retired to the porch and ghost stories

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were told until Ann, afraid to sleep alone, insisted on getting into a bed which "to my knowledge, was occupied by three lodger already." To be sure one could not blame her particularly for the girls' beds were filled with nails, the boys' with sugar. Cranie is still wanting to meet the girl who thinks he requires so much sweetening, while Lynn has a search warrant for the fellow who tied his trussers into knots.

Next morning Dorothy, Tony and Wheels arrived in time to help initiate Cranie into the cast. Each one present contributed one stunt toward his persecution and when all had finished he was a funny spectacle from the crown of his shampoo to the sole of his thirteen toes—whose print he left on the porch.

In the afternoon a goeyduck-(less) dig was enjoyed. One was seen but made its escape and the hunt resulted in four snails, a deceased crab and a clam or two which Myra annexed to her menagerie and insisted on bringing home in Lyle's suit-case.

After numerous formal calls upon the Commercial bunch, we gathered around the stove and played games in which Jack and Tony took the honors for dullness, Lyle played the fool, and Ruth and Jones played "Truth."

If you want any further proof of one great good time just steal a glance at some of the pictures

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And just notice the exchange of pins! If you could see the initials on some of them, you would appreciate how arduous Miss Waring's duties were.

At 9 o'clock Monday evening—no, 8:45 to be exact—the troop of actors boarded the Tyee for home, tired—yes—but urging the hostess to invite them again next week.



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